

Work Rushed By Americans Back of Line

350,000 Tons of Material Handled in April, Says Official

\$100,000,000 Month's Salary Budget

Kerney, Director of War Committee, Praises the Troops' Enthusiasm

(By The Associated Press)

AN AMERICAN BASE IN FRANCE, May 3.—"Some idea of the wonderful progress that is being made back of the lines," said James Kerney, director for the Franco-American Committee on Public Information, to The Associated Press today, "may be gathered from the simple announcement that 350,000 tons of material were handled by the transportation department in April, as against less than half that amount in January."

"The storage facilities for three months' complete supplies for an army of two million men are almost finished. We are operating five thousand miles of wire. Big docks and railroad yards rapidly are nearing completion. Upwards of \$100,000,000 were paid out in France alone last month by the Quartermaster General."

Mr. Kerney was speaking of what he personally had seen in two weeks of what the American army had done and is doing in France.

Nearing "Full Stride"

"America," Mr. Kerney continued, "is rapidly growing into its full stride. The gigantic operations generally are now proceeding so expeditiously and smoothly as to make it easier for the people of France to appreciate just how determined we are to see it through. The best part of it all is that in this wonderful romance of transporting men and supplies and constructing material 3,000 miles over such a wholesome and healthy institution as the brave American army in France."

Troops Enthusiastic

Mr. Kerney then spoke of a visit he had made to the American troops at the front.

"Everywhere," he said, "I found enthusiasm over the steady courage and ready adaptability of the Americans. One of the finest tributes to our men was the declaration of a very distinguished French officer that the seasoned soldier of France was eager to fight alongside the Americans, whose bravery and faculty for learning have quickly won the affectionate admiration of their comrades in arms."

"The French officers are amazed at the cheerful way in which the Americans have accommodated themselves to the rigid discipline necessary to this kind of warfare. Our men, they say, face the grim job with the rarest good sense and determination. The work of familiarization with the older armies has been easy. From General Pershing down to the privates the single idea prevails of making this a finish fight against the Hun."

"Punch" Not Lacking

"While the army naturally does not yet rank among the first of the highly efficient military machines, it does represent the finest pluck and punch of America translated into action," said Mr. Kerney. "Incidentally, with the developments that are taking place at the staff school, it promises soon to be provided with the necessary officers to enable it to assume its proper place in this war."

Mr. Kerney said the wisdom of constructing a great work that spreads over all Western and Central France and back of the lines already is amply justified.

"Everywhere the American soldier has plenty of clothing to meet the varying climatic conditions," said he. "There is no shortage in rubber boots or warm shirts. Food is abundant and supplies of all kinds are such as to relieve any worry on that score. The hospital trains kept at the battlefront are said to be the finest in the world. The field hospitals are so located that American soldiers are on the operating tables and under treatment by the best surgical skill within from four to eight hours after they have been wounded."

"Everything, in other words, that it has been humanly possible to furnish is there, and the morale of the fighting man is the highest."

"Now and then there is complaint about mail coming slowly, but that is being remedied," he added. "It must be remembered, good kickers usually make good fighters."

Mr. Kerney's trip to the battlefront was made in company with representatives of the French universities and some provincial newspaper publishers. In order to have America's effort in the war better known in France a series of illustrated lectures is being given at the universities, showing just what has been accomplished by the United States in making ready to carry the war to the limit.

American Wins Service Cross in Battle; Loses Hand

(By The Associated Press)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 2.—The Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded to Lieutenant William D. Meyerling, U. S. R., who commanded a platoon which was attacked by the enemy on April 8. He took measures to defeat the enemy and handled his men well under fire until he was wounded seriously.

Compelled to attend to the wound, the lieutenant refused assistance and walked through a barrage to a dressing station. He objected to being moved to the rear until he knew the result of the engagement.

In the official announcement it is declared his brave example inspired the men to drive off the enemy, who did not reach the American trenches. Lieutenant Meyerling's right hand had to be amputated as a result of the wound he received.

Casualties Among Our Fighting Men Abroad

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The casualty list to-day contained eighty-eight names, divided as follows: Killed in action, eighteen; died of wounds, one; died of accident, two; died of disease, five; wounded severely, two; wounded slightly, fifty-eight; missing in action, two.

Lieutenants Thomas F. Mooney, of San Antonio, Tex., and Dinmore Ely, of 22 East Washington Street, Chicago, died as a result of accidents, and Lieutenant Louis M. Edens, of Cabool, Mo., is reported missing in action.

Casualties in the Marine Corps in service in Europe announced to-day by the Navy Department show three privates slightly wounded. They are Roy B. Graham, Charles A. Gordon and Thomas S. Killian.

The list follows:

(All names not otherwise marked are those of privates.)

Killed in Action

BERGER, Elwood D., corporal, New Haven, Conn.

PORTER, Homer A., corporal, West Haven, Conn.

DRISCOLL, Timothy, Bristol, Conn.

BURNS, Arthur W., 607 East Street, South Boston, Mass.

DARROW, Charles W., Guilford, Conn.

DAVENPORT, Charles R., South Norwalk, Conn.

DAVIS, Theron, Walden, N. Y.

DUNBAR, Joseph, Medford, Mass.

FITZPATRICK, John D., New Haven, Conn.

HANLEY, William H., Ansonia, Conn.

LINDEN, Elmer G., Bristol, Conn.

MACDONALD, Frank J., 120 Bristol Street, New Haven, Conn.

OSULLIVAN, William, Forestville, Conn.

PRESTON, George B., Dover, Mass.

SCHAEFER, William J., Bristol, Conn.

TOMALONIS, Joseph, Jr., Taftville, Conn.

Died of Disease

HIRE, Bryan J., cook, Lima, Ohio.

DIXON, Levi B., Diley, Ore.

HALL, Frank M., R. F. D. No. 1, Northville, Mich.

LATIMER, James McKinley, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

SMITH, Thurlow Weed, South Bend, Ind.

Died of Accident

MOONEY, Thomas F., lieutenant, San Antonio, Tex.

ELY, Dinmore, lieutenant, 22 East Washington Street, Chicago.

Died of Wounds

MAKRIS, Apostolos, Thessaly, Greece.

Seriously Wounded

SHARKEY, Eugene F., sergeant, Ansonia, Conn.

STEWART, John W., Hudson, Conn.

Slightly Wounded

HUGHES, Walter C., sergeant, Haverhill, Mass.

Missing in Action

EDENS, Louis M., lieutenant, Cabool, Mo.

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McAndrew Made Chief of Staff Under Pershing

He Takes Place of Brig. General Harbord, Who Goes to First Line

Veteran Campaigner

General Has Seen Service in Spanish-American War and Also in Alaska

(By The Associated Press)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 3.—Major General James W. McAndrew has been appointed chief of staff of the American expeditionary forces, assuming his duties immediately. Brigadier General James G. Harbord, who has been General Pershing's chief of staff, has been assigned to a command in the field, which he will take over this week.

The shift of command is explained as being in conformity with General Pershing's policy. In this process some are sent to the front and replaced with others who have been on the front and by reason of recent personal experiences are better able to grapple with field problems. This policy also serves to give the General Staff officers an opportunity to serve with the troops. All of this is calculated to inject additional energy into the activities of the American expeditionary forces.

In further pursuit of this policy there have been a number of other staff changes. One new chief has been assigned as a divisional chief of staff and other officers of similar rank have been assigned to service with the troops. The new post of deputy chief of staff at headquarters has been created with a view to giving the chief of staff more freedom of action and enabling him to keep in closer touch with the combat troops.

Major General James W. McAndrew is fifty-five, a native of Pennsylvania. He was graduated from West Point in 1888. In the Spanish-American War he was a first lieutenant.

He fought in the engagement at El Caney and in other operations in the Philippines. In March, 1899, he went to the Philippines as a captain, and later served in Alaska.

He was made a brigadier general of the National Army on August 5 last, and five days ago the Senate confirmed him as major general.

General McAndrew is an honor graduate of the Army School of the Line, a graduate of the Army Staff College and of the Army War College.

He was commandant of the United States Army Service School until July, 1917, serving there a year and a half.

Orange Airman Is Killed

ORANGE, May 3.—Second Lieutenant Robert Brinton Hill, son of G. Everett Hill, of 15 Bell Street, a member of the British Royal Flying Corps, has been killed in an accident, according to a cablegram received by his parents.

The message, which was sent from London, gives no details and does not state whether the young man was killed in France or England.

Hill enlisted in Canada last August and sailed for England in December. He was twenty-five years old, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He was a civil engineer.

Three other brothers are in service in the American army.

Canadians Report Seven American Casualties

OTTAWA, May 3.—The following names of Americans appear in tonight's Canadian official casualty list:

Killed in Action—M. Howe, Zamble, Wis.; W. J. Brown, Rock Island, Ill.; Wounded—W. J. Cannon, Pittsburgh, Penn.; J. Hughes, Beverly, Mass.; V. M. Junkin, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. T. Kromer, Detroit, Mich.; Gassed—D. M. B. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Pershing Sends Thanks to Teachers for Ambulance

BOSTON, May 3.—A letter of thanks from General Pershing to the school teachers of Massachusetts for the ambulance given by them to the American Ambulance Field Service was received here to-day.

The ambulance was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Pershing, the general's wife.

Dutch Threatened War on Germany

LONDON, May 3.—In an article regarding the disagreement which has arisen between England and Germany, the "Nachrichten," of Hamburg, says that unrestricted facilities for transporting goods across the Dutch province of Limburg, from Germany to Belgium, would be of great value to the German high command, and that its use is becoming needed more greatly as the battles on the Western front rage more violently and the requirements for men and material increase.

The Dutch government, however, took the stand that there must be no transit of war materials through Limburg.

The newspaper argues that Holland's resistance to Germany's demands in this regard has been due to strong Entente pressure.

The Dutch Foreign Minister assumed an authoritative attitude toward the German Minister at The Hague, and spoke of a casus belli, the newspaper continues, and the German Minister did not answer in the right tone. Perhaps he did not wish to do so, believing that Germany would have to yield, as heretofore. But in the present case Germany will not be obliged to yield, the newspaper asserts, because the transit question is mainly a question of warfare and is not within the province of the German Foreign Office.

Just Sailed In," Says Brooklyn Flier, Telling of First Air Victory

(By The Associated Press)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 2.—Lieutenant James A. Meissner, whose home is in Brooklyn and who brought down his first German airplane to-day on the American front northwest of Toul, returned to his hangar to receive the congratulations of his comrades and to make his report with a bashful grin on his face.

The lieutenant is young and slight and "tickled to death" that he has one enemy scalp hanging to his belt.

The story of his exploit, having trickled in over the telephone wire the correspondent went to the lieutenant's hangar. It had been reported that a wing of Meissner's machine had been torn off by his opponent's airplane.

"Impossible," said one of the members of Meissner's squadron before the young aviator had returned to his billet. "If the Boche really had scraped Jimmy with his wing we would have had to call on the Red Cross to make

what had happened to him."

Just at that time Lieutenant Meissner jumped out of an automobile and walked toward the group.

"Well, well! There's Jimmy now!" cried his companions as they all ran out to meet him. All tried to grasp his hand at the same time and shake it, while many questions were hurled at the young aviator. The lieutenant blushed and looked around as if at a loss how to begin. Then he briefly told an American story in an American way, just as if bringing down a German was an everyday trip.

"Well," he said, "I saw him at about 5,000 metres. There was another machine which, I believe, was a French one, headed in the direction of the

German. I just sailed in first, but the Boche swung down toward the earth when I was just above him. I went down after him, firing all the time.

"Then he straightened out and, turning his wing point quickly, rammed my wings, but as that was happening I cut loose with my gun again. Smoke came from the German machine, which headed for the interior of Germany, and we both were soon over his territory."

"I thought that might be some sort of camouflage for a getaway, for they tell me these Germans are full of tricks, so I kept right on his tail. Then he began to drop, real red flames streaming from him. I knew that I had him and that I had fired 200 shots, but I also knew my machine was damaged. So I turned around and headed for home, but I thought I had better come down safely inside our lines than to risk a fight all the way, so I did it, and there you are."

The lieutenant went over and told his mechanic about it. The two stood beside another airplane, on the wing of which had been pasted as a "hoodoo charm" a Liberty Loan poster showing Liberty waving the American flag over the heads of the American soldiers and bearing the inscription: "Fight or Buy Liberty Bonds."

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